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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0268

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO; NIAMEY FOR RDO; DEPT PASS ALSO AID/AFR/CWR

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SUBJ: VISIT OF RDO AL BARON

REF A - COTONOU 256, B - COTONOU 253 C - STATE 34136,

D - STATE 34724,

1. AFTER OUTRAGEOUS TREATMENT OF AMB BY BENIN'S TOP LEADERSHIP YESTERDAY (REFS A AND B). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT BARON'S VISIT, AUTHORIZED REF D, BE CALLED OFF. AMB TOLD FORNMIN YESTERDAY (PER REF C INSTRUCTIONS) THAT DEPT CONSIDERED INFO CONTAINED AIDE MEMOIRE SERVED CLARIFY THE SITUATION FOR BENIN GOVT AND USEFULNESS OF SENDING A SPECIAL AID REP TO COTONOU WAS STILL UNDER STUDY.

2. FOR BARON TO COME NOW WOULD GIVE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE CAVING UNDER PRESSURE OF CONTINUED ASSAULTS ON AMB REPORTED REFS A AND B. APPRECIATE BARON'S WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE THE UNIQUE MISSION WE PROPOSED, BUT BELIEVE HIS PRESENCE AT THIS POINT WOULD ONLY EXACERBATE CONTROVERSY AND FURTHER CONFUSE THE ISSUE.

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